The Places of Public Resort Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—Sir, I rise to move that the Bill to amend the Places of Public Resort Regulation, X of 1097, may be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Penal Code Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Penal Code may be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—In making this motion I may just say a few words to show what exactly is meant by this Bill. The subject matter of the liability or otherwise of motor buses possessing G. permits being liable to pay tolls at the Municipal Toll Gates, came before the Chief Court recently and it was held by that Court that in certain conditions it was not necessary for such vehicles to pay tolls, for, the Municipality was bound to issue licenses to them and that when once such licences had been issued the Municipality has no right to collect tolls. It would appear that all along or at any rate for several years the practice has been for Municipalities to collect such tolls as the auction sale of the toll gates has been proceeding on that busines. Unless something is done, the Municipalities have pointed out that they would suffer very badly. I understand that there are certain Municipalities in the State getting large amounts from tolls and in some cases it constitutes a bulk of the income in the Municipalities. Now that being so and since the practice has been to collect tolls, Government thought that the unanimous request of the Municipalities should be heeded to. Hence this Bill. It seeks to lay down that in cases

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